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SUBJECT: CONCILIATORY EDITORIAL ON ZAIRIAN-ANGOLAN RELATIONS

1. ASIDE FROM BRIEF MENTION OF MEETING JULY 14 BETWEEN MOBUTU AND CONGOLESE DELEGATION WHICH INCLUDED CONGO'S AMBASSADOR TO ANGOLA. ZAIRIAN PRESS COVERAGE JULY 15 OF ZAIRE'S RELATIONS WITH ANGOLA WAS LIMITED TO AN EDITORIAL IN KINSHASA DAILY ELIMA.

2. EDITORIAL STATES THAT ZAIRE ATTRIBUTES NO IMPORTANCE TO THE IDEOLOGICAL COLORATION OF REGIMES AND THUS "SEES NO PROBLEM IN ANGOLA'S HAVING CALLED IN THE SOVIETS AND CUBANS TO ESTABLISH ITS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AUTHORITY AND ASSURE ITS SECURITY." ON THE OTHER HAND, SOVIET-CUBAN AGGRESSION AGAINST ZAIRE, AS IN THE CASE OF THE TWO SHABA INVASIONS TO WHICH ANGOLA AGREED, AND A "CERTAIN DUPLICITY" IN THE PAST ON THE PART OF PRESIDENT NETO, WOULD IF CONTINUED BE BARRIERS TO IMPROVED RELATIONS.

3. THE EDITORIAL CONCLUDES AS FOLLOWS: "BUT ZAIRE IS READY TO

PARDON AND FORGET, IN THE INTERESTS OF AFRICAN UNITY, ON THE ONE
CONDITION THAT THE APPROACH MADE BY ANGOLAN POLITICAL CIRCLES TO
THE ZAIRIAN REPRESENTATION IN BRAZZAVILLE REFLECT A REAL CONCERN
WITH MANAGING, AT LAST, TO CREATE A COOPERATIVE FRAMEWORK
CHARACTERIZED BY FRANKNESS AND RESPECT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY
OF OUR COUNTRY. ZAIRE, FOR ITS PART, REMAINS AVAILABLE AND IS
READY TO SUBSCRIBE TO ANY AGREEMENT WHICH REALLY CONTRIBUTES TO
UNITY AND PEACE IN AFRICA.

4. COMMENT: UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, ABOVE EDITORIAL WAS
UNDOUBTEDLY CLEARED WITH MOBUTU. WHILE NOT WISHING TO READ
TOO MUCH INTO IT, WE ARE STRUCK BY THE EDITORIAL'S
CONCILIATORY TONE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO THE SOVIET-CUBAN
PRESENCE IN ANGOLA.
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